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### **REMARKS**

Applicants have amended claims claim 1 and place claims 1-4 in right form, and respectfully submit that all the pending claims have been placed in position for allowance, for the following reasons:

#### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 1-4 are objected to because of the informalities thereof.

In response, Applicants have amended claim 1 and place claims 1-4 in proper form.

#### ***Claim Rejections***

**Part 1)** Claims 1-15 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,749,440

In response, accompanying the response, a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is submitted. Thus, the rejections proposed should be withdrawn.

**Part 2)** Claims 5-6 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lin (U.S. Pat. No. 6,227,869)

In response, Applicants have amended claim 5 to make amended claim 5 patentable over Lin under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). More specifically, Lin fails to show or disclose "wherein when the first and second mating portions are engaged with the electrical components, respectively, one of the first and second mating portions stands away from the retention portion and the other closes the retention portion" recited in amended claim 5. That is, Lin fails to show all the limitations of amended claim 5, and hence the rejection thereto should be withdrawn.

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Claims 6 and 9 are dependent on amended claim 5 and the rejections thereto should, therefore, be withdrawn.

**Part 3)** Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin (U.S. Pat. No. 6,227,869) in view of McHugh (U.S. Pat. No. 6,164,978)

In response, as clarified above in Part 2, Lin fails to show or disclose "wherein when the first and second mating portions are engaged with the electrical components, respectively, one of the first and second mating portions stands away from the retention portion and the other closes the retention portion" recited in amended claim 5. Further, McHugh also fails to show or disclose the emphasized feature. That is, even though Lin can be used to combine with McHugh, said combination therebetween still fails to show or disclose the emphasized feature, much less to reach the invention claimed in amended claim 5.

It was, therefore, unobvious to one skilled in the art to combine the two prior art to reach the invention claimed in amended claim 5 at the time when the invention was made.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 5 is defined patentably over Lin, McHugh and any combination thereof and that amended claim 5 should be allowed.

Claims 7 and 8 are dependent on patentable amended claim 5 and should be allowed.

**Part 4)** Claims 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin (U.S. Pat. No. 6,227,869) in view of Reichardt (U.S. Pat. No. 6,000,969)

In response, Reichardt fails to disclose or show "wherein when the first and second mating portions are engaged with the electrical components, respectively, one of the first and second mating portions

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stands away from the retention portion and the other closes the retention portion" recited in amended claim 5.

For the same reasons stated above, it was unobvious to one skilled in the art to combine the two prior art to reach the invention claimed in amended claim 5 at the time when the invention was made.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 5 is defined patentably over Lin, Reichardt and any combination thereof and that amended claim 5 should be allowed.

Claim 10 and newly added claim 16 are dependent on patentable amended claim 5 and should be allowed.

### **Conclusion**

For all the above reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that all the pending claims are patentably distinguishable from the prior art. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now placed in condition for allowance, and that an action to this effect is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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